

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS

Six out of 13 night patrolmen were off duty Thursday night because of sickness.

Pay Thompson, traveling passenger agent of the Rock Island, has returned to Topeka.

Mrs. C. M. Markley, of Highland Park, who has been seriously ill at Stormont hospital, is improving.

General Manager H. U. Mudge has returned from a trip east with Third Vice President J. W. Kendrick.

The members of the midwinter graduating class of the Topeka high school will get their parchments tonight.

The regular teachers' examination will be held in the grade room at the court house Saturday, January 28, commencing at 7:30.

Practically all of the booths in the Auditorium for the Midwinter fair have been erected. They are unusually handsome this year.

Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, a son of President Eliot, of Harvard university, will deliver the commencement baccalaureate sermon at the University of Kansas on Sunday, June 4.

C. K. Holliday has induced 16 Topeka business men to join the Commercial club since he was elected president on January 12. He is planning to bring in 100 members during the year.

Frank Isbert, the famous Chicago White Sox first baseman is a shareholder in the Wichita company which is trying to raise enough money to buy Pittsburgh's franchise in the Western Baseball Association.

Holton Recorder: "The Commercial club of Topeka has made Ed B. Jones of this city a life member of the association without dues. He was presented with his credentials Monday, and is justly proud of the honor."

The Kansas State Sheriff's association is asking the state to allow a salary of \$500 a day for the boarding of prisoners and not 60 cents as reported the other day. The information was given to the newspapers incorrectly.

Stories from Philadelphia say that Ore Kerns, the Topeka man who is training for professional pugilism at that place, is making quite a hit with the sports. While in Topeka he was stopped over long enough to put on the padded mitts.

The Topeka Dedicating company has invited the city council to make an inspection of their plant. In the communication which is filed with the city clerk they assert that they will within a few days be in running operation. They offer to sell their plant should the city desire to buy.

Rose Cecilia Shay is the prima donna of the "Giddy Tolly" company booked to the Crawford theater next week. Miss Shay has been trying grand opera off and on during the past year, and she has not made a success. She was the prima donna of the Gordon-Shay Grand Opera company which played two nights at the Grand theater a couple of seasons ago. The company was in straits at the time, but was financially able to get out of Topeka.

ITS FIRST MEETING.

New French Cabinet Assembles at the Elysee Palace.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Rouvier ministry held its first formal meeting at the Elysee palace today under the presidency of President Loubet. Premier Rouvier submitted his declaration of policy which was approved. Later the premier presented the declaration to parliament. It follows the policy of the late Premier Combes, the main features being an income tax, the separation of church and state, workmen's pensions and a reduction of the term of military service. The declaration severely condemns the system of secret reports of the lives of army officers, which brought about the downfall of the Combes cabinet.

The first actual work of the new cabinet was its approval of the dismissal of Commander Renicourt from the legion of honor for making secret reports and relieving General Peigne from membership in the superior council of war for similar reports. Foreign Minister Delcasse reported that the situation in Morocco had greatly improved.

MR. ROWETT IS SICK.

State Accountant Confined to His Home in Kansas City.

Charles Rowett, state accountant, is sick at his home in Kansas City. He has been forbidden by his physician to leave his room this week, but expects to be in Topeka next Monday.

Tombs of Emperors Found.

New York, Jan. 27.—Excavations due to the initiative of the mayor of Andria, have resulted, cables the Herald's correspondent at Rome, in the discovery of the tombs of the wives of the Emperor Frederick II, Yolanda of Jerusalem and Isabella D'Angierre. The tombs are remarkably fine and are of the art of the thirteenth century. Frederick, the son of Sicily, was a grandson of Henry VI. He reigned from 1216 to 1246, when he was deposed by his subjects.

SECRET WORKER

The Plan Upon Which Coffee Operates

Coffee is such a secret worker that it is not suspected as the cause of sickness or disease, but there is a very sure way to find out the truth.

A lady in Memphis gives an interesting experience her husband had with coffee. It seems that he had been using it for some time and was an invalid.

The physician in charge shrewdly suspected that coffee was the "worm at the root of the tree," and ordered it discontinued with instructions to use Postum Food Coffee regularly in its place.

The wife says: "We found that was the true remedy for his stomach, and heart trouble and we would have gladly paid a hundred times the amount of the doctor's charge when we found how wise his judgment was."

"The use of Postum instead of coffee was begun about a year ago, and it has made my husband a strong, well man. He has gained thirty-five pounds in that time and he is now an invalid."

"We use Postum regularly and never tire of telling our friends of the benefit we have received from leaving off the old fashioned coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look for the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in each pkg.

FLOOD BILL READY

One That Is Satisfactory to Be Recommended.

Kansas City Senator Discusses Its Provisions.

The senate committee on cities of the first class is prepared to recommend a general flood bill for passage if one word can be changed.

The bill, introduced by Senator Getty from Kansas City, provides for "the protection, control, deepening, widening, removing obstructions from, changing, regulating, establishing and maintaining the channels thereof; the construction, maintenance and repair of levees along the same to prevent overflow and the raising or elevation of railroad tracks and public highways that interfere with the construction and maintenance of such levees; the construction and regulation of drains and other works conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare in districts subject to overflow; and to these ends providing for and authorizing the organization of public corporations to be known as drainage districts and prescribing the duties and defining the powers of such public corporations."

The one word on which there is a dispute is the word "lawful." The bill provides for the directors of the drainage district to maintain in any court of competent jurisdiction the lawful orders of its directors. The representatives of the railroads object to the word "lawful" and wish "reasonable" substituted in its place.

The reason the railroad representatives wish the change is that the directors are given power to make orders as to railroad grades and bridges and the height at which they shall be built.

The bill provides that the directors of drainage districts shall have the power "to fix, regulate and change the grade or elevation of all public highways, railroads and street railroads at points where any levee may cross or intersect the same."

"To require all railroad companies to elevate their tracks at all points where the same shall be intersected by any levee so that such tracks will not interfere with the construction or maintenance of such levee as a continuous and effective work of uniform height to prevent the overflow of any natural watercourse."

"I see no reason why the word should not be changed," said Senator Getty. "Courts will certainly not enforce any orders of the drainage district directors unless they are reasonable. Should the directors order a bridge raised 500 feet no court would order it carried out."

"During the flood of 1903 the Missouri Pacific ran a string of engines onto its Kansas City bridge at Kansas City to hold it. The drift piled up and the water in the river above the bridge was 12 feet higher than below. The result was disastrous to the land along the river above the bridge. There is no reason why railroads can not raise their bridges and this must be done at many places where the water is high."

"The bill provides for the creation of drainage districts and, to quote from the bill, provides: 'That each drainage district be composed of the lands along the banks of any natural watercourse within the state which are subject to overflow and the title to which is vested in the state of Kansas lying between the banks at high water and of all natural water courses within such district.'"

"The bill provides that the directors of the district shall 'to take charge of and exercise exclusive control over all natural watercourses within its territorial limits and to so widen, deepen, change, regulate, establish, change, regulate, establish and maintain such channels thereof and construct and maintain such levees along the banks thereof as may be necessary.'"

"The provision which refers to the railroad bridges, especially that the directors shall prescribe, regulate and fix the height of the super-structures along the banks of the water, and the location of the piers of all bridges across watercourses situated in the district. This is a most important part of the bill and it is very important that it be passed."

"I think it provides in every way for all flood legislation necessary."

The bill provides for the ownership of natural watercourses to be changed or altered by the establishment of a new channel or otherwise, so that any lands situated between the banks of such watercourse and the new channel shall be vested in the state of Kansas, shall be abandoned or no longer used for a channel, the title to such lands so abandoned shall be vested in the state of Kansas, shall be immediately vest in the drainage district in which the same are situated and such drainage district may sell, convey or otherwise dispose of the same."

"The bill provides that the act of such president as shall be signed by the president of the board of directors of the district and attested by his seal, and such deed when acknowledged by such president as shall be signed by the president of the board of directors of the district may be recorded as other deeds."

THE DIXIE'S ORDERS.

The Navy Department Issues a Statement Regarding Them.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The navy department today issued the following statement:

"On January 19 orders were issued to Rear Admiral Stuebe authorizing him to send the Dixie with 200 mariners from Panama to Guantanamo, where they will be kept in readiness for use elsewhere. No other orders have been issued to the Dixie, no hurry orders of any kind, and so far as the navy is concerned the Dixie is on no disturbances in San Domingo. This leaves 350 mariners on the Ithaca."

Cause of the Garnett Explosion.

Garnett, Kan., Jan. 27.—The coroner's jury appointed several days ago to ascertain the cause of the explosion here the night of January 15, when J. W. B. and Frank Johnson were killed, has finally found that the explosion was due to defective natural gas pipes or carelessness of the occupants in the building.

It was believed by many that sewer gas was the cause of the explosion.

Balloon Started From St. Louis.

Hyde Park, Mass., Jan. 27.—The officials of the Blue Hill observatory say that the gas balloon found near Cambridge, Mass., and was up by H. H. Clayton, of the observatory, from St. Louis, probably on Saturday last. Mr. Clayton has been in St. Louis much of the time since he has been experimenting. The balloons are used to take the temperature at extreme heights.



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OUT AT NICODEMUS.

A Negro Colony Where the Slaves Stayed All Seasons.

Hill City, Kan., Jan. 27.—In the short grass country twenty miles above Stockton on the South Solomon river is the Nicodemus colony. It is an example of what has been done with the southern negro. In the fall of 1876 and the following spring about five hundred ex-slaves came from the farming regions about Lexington and Georgetown, Ky. In the previous year W. R. Hill, now of Hill City, in Graham county, in company with several negro ministers and philanthropists, conceived the idea and perfected the plan for settling the colony at this place, then a part of Rooks county.

Old settlers on the road between Nicodemus and Kirwin, the nearest land office, tell of seeing Hill walking barefooted, with his trousers frayed to the knees from walking through the grass and brush, on his way to look after the interests of the colonists. The early annals of this colony almost equal the story of the Pilgrim Fathers for tales of hardship endured. Very few had horses or teams at first, and it was not an unusual occurrence for a man to walk to Ellis, a distance of thirty miles, to get a horse sack of flour and other provisions for his family. The fuel of the country at that time consisted of buffalo chips, sunflowers and willows of the thickness of a man's thumb.

There was one other source of income—the sale of bones picked up on the second slave in which landed the first store in Graham county at Nicodemus. In the winter of 1877-78. The first school and the first church were built. Nicodemus was not named from the Bible, but from Nicodemus the slave, who, it is said, gained fame by buying his freedom. He came in the second slave ship which landed on the shores of America. This is a part of the song written to his memory:

Nicodemus was a slave of African birth, And was bought for a bagful of robe. He was reckoned as a part of the salt of the earth, And he died years ago, very old.

Nicodemus was a prophet, at heart he was wise. For he told of the battles to come; How we tumbled with fear when he rolled up his eyes, And we heeded the shake of his thumb.

The chorus was changed by the promoters of the colony to read:

Go tell Elijah to hurry up, Pomp, And meet us under the cottonwood tree, In the land of South Solomon valley to build up.

The city of Nicodemus at the break of day. Z. T. Fletcher was also the first postmaster in Graham county. Nicodemus was granted a postoffice on a day.

James C. Howe of Livingston, Mont., "Herpicide" cured my dandruff and stopped my hair falling.

"Herpicide" cleaned my scalp of dandruff and made my hair soft as silk and glossy.

W. H. Otis, barber, Champaign, Ill., at the request of Z. T. Fletcher, opened a dandruff and on another for falling hair with excellent results.

Dr. W. W. Woodbury (assistant postmaster), of Champaign, Ill., "Herpicide" completely stopped my hair falling.

Dr. H. B. Bentley, Sheridan, Wyo., "Herpicide" excellent for cleaning the scalp. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to the Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Rowley & Snow, special agents.

Grand Island Route. Double daily service with new 80-foot-cylindrical gas-lighted Pullman chair cars (seats free) on night trains and Pullman high-back seat coaches on day trains. Between Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo.; Hiawatha, Speculator and Marysville, Kan.; Fairbury, Fairfield, Hastings and Grand Island, Neb. Connections made at Kansas City for all points east, south and west. At Grand Island direct connections are made with Union Pacific fast trains for California and the Pacific northwest. R. M. Adelt, general passenger agent, St. Joseph, Mo.



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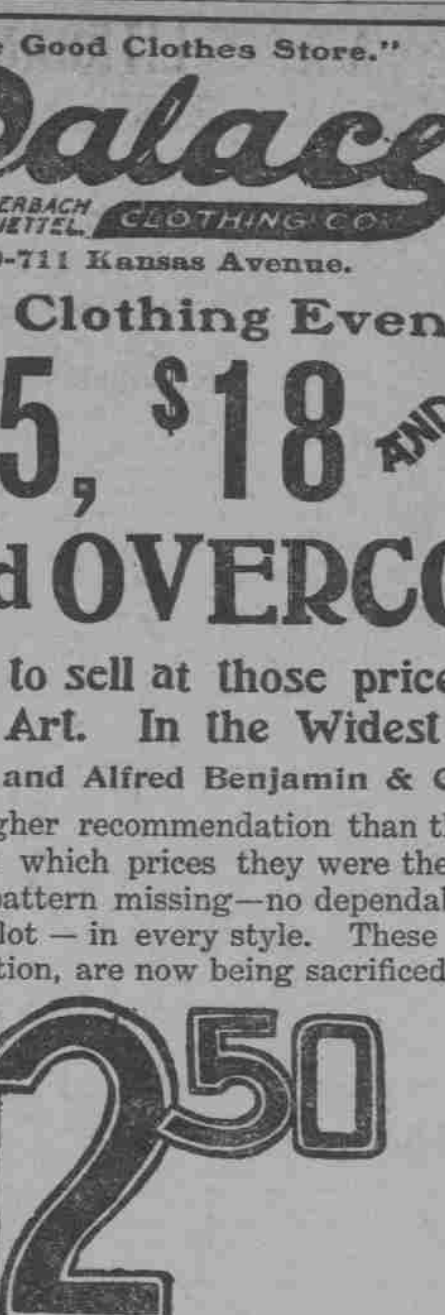
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